

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2013, MEETING
OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE
ILLINOIS HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE AUTHORITY**

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Illinois Health Information Exchange Authority (“Authority”), pursuant to notice duly given, held a meeting at 12:00 p.m. on January 23, 2013, at the State of Illinois James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, IL 60601.

<u>Appointed Members Present:</u> 1. Dr. Bechara Choucair 2. Mr. David Holland 3. Dr. William Kobler 4. Mr. Mark Neaman 5. Dr. Nancy Newby 6. Dr. Nicholas Panomitros 7. Mr. Raul Recarey 8. Dr. Bruce Wellman 9. Dr. Cheryl Whitaker	<u>Ex-Officio Members Present:</u> 1. DOI – Ms. Colleen Burns 2. DPH – Mr. David Carvalho 3. DHS – Ms. Susan Locke 4. HFS – Director Julie Hamos 5. OOG – Ms. Laura Zarembo
<u>OHIT Staff Present:</u> Mark Chudzinski; Dia Cirillo; Diego Estrella; Danny Kopelson; Mary McGinnis; Sanjay Patel; Daniel Procyk; Cory Verblen	

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call

Dr. Cheryl Whitaker, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Authority, welcomed the appointed and ex-officio members of the Board, as well as the members of the general public in attendance. Mr. Chudzinski, Secretary to the Board, confirmed the presence of the Members of the Authority Board noted above. The meeting was called to order and immediately recessed until all members could be present; the meeting was reconvened by Dr. Whitaker at 12:20 PM.

Item 2: Approval of Agenda

There were no proposed revisions to the meeting Agenda, as posted in advance of the meeting in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Item 3: Approval of November 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes

On a motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the Meeting of the Board on November 14, 2012, as well as the minutes of the Meeting of the Committee of the Whole on November 14, 2012, were unanimously approved by the voting members of the Board.

Item 4: Chair Report

Dr. Whitaker provided a brief update on the state of the health information exchange in Illinois, as well as nationally. She noted that the federal Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (“ONC”) reports that nationally, physician use of electronic health record systems (EHRs) has gone from 48% to 72%. E-prescribing capability has gone up from 33% to 73%. The criteria for qualifying for stage 2 EHR adoption and meaningful use incentive payments are final, and criteria for Stage 3 have been recently released; the later have met with mixed criticism.

Item 5: Executive Director’s report

Mr. Raul Recarey, Executive Director of the Authority, advised that ILHIE Direct secure messaging participation has been steadily rising. Among the most recent users is the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), which will be obtaining ILHIE Direct addresses of IDPH staff and local public health departments. ILHIE is also providing support for IDPH’s Public Health Node (PHN), which is now connected to ILHIE.

Mr. Recarey advised of the connection of ILHIE Direct to the HISP for the State of Missouri, as well as on the status of connectivity discussions with the regional HIE of Illinois. A demonstration of ILHIE Direct was provided. Mr. Recarey provided an overview of the ILHIE’s anticipated on-boarding participation by user category.

Ms. Laura Zaremba, Director of OHIT, provided the following update on Medicare & Medicaid EHR incentive program participation in Illinois: Registered Medicaid EPs – 3,904, Registered Medicare EPs – 10,438, Registered Hospitals – 166, EP Payments - \$130,576,778, Hospital Payments - \$295,171,649, and Total Illinois Payments - \$425,748,427. According to CMS, Illinois is 7th nationally in terms of the number of providers participating.

Ms. Dia Cirillo, Director of OHIT’s Behavioral Health Integration Project (BHIP), provided an overview of the learnings gained through the BHIP project and the pilot projects it sponsored involving the exchange of patient records by mental health services providers. The BHIP project principal organizational participants are now participating in the introduction before the Illinois General Assembly of an amendment to the Illinois Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Confidentiality Act to address legal barriers to the electronic exchange of patient records; the newly proposed legislation has been well received and is gaining support.

Item 6: Budget & Finance Committee Report

Mr. Sanjay Patel, OHIT’s Chief Financial Officer and the Authority’s Treasurer, presented the Budget & Finance Committee’s report to the Board. He noted that OHIT personnel and fringe benefits, and payments to ILHIE technology partner InterSystems Corporation accounted for a majority of OHIT’s expenses to date. It was noted that as ILHIE on-boarding continues, operational expenditures will continue to grow and change. An ILHIE accounting/invoicing system and order management system will need to be implemented.

Item 7: Approval of an ILHIE Staffing Model

Dr. Whitaker reported that the Governance and Nominating Committee had met on January 10, 2013 and had reviewed and approved for presentation to the Board for consideration two resolutions. The first, Resolution 2013-01, provides for the Board's approval of an ILHE Staffing Model, and the second, Resolution 2013-02, provides for the delegation by the Board of authority to the Executive Director to take further action for the implementation of the recommended ILHIE Staffing Model, with authority and discretion to enter into commercial agreements with third parties that provide staff benefit plan services, with the advice and consent of the Authority's Chair and with the subsequent ratification or approval of the Board.

Mr. Recarey provided an overview of the proposed staffing model, emphasizing that he would retain personnel according to the actual needs of the ILHIE business, either as permanent staff employees, variable contract employees, or as independent contractors retained for limited defined roles.

Following Board discussion of the proposed ILHIE Staffing Model, during which the Executive Director committed to presenting to the Board at the earliest opportunity budget estimates anticipated from an implementation of the Staffing Model, the Secretary read Resolution 2013-01, a copy of which had been circulated in advance to the Board. On a motion duly made and seconded, Resolution 2013-01 was passed unanimously by the Board.

Item 8: Delegation of Authority to Executive Director to Execute Staff Benefit Plan Contracts

The Secretary read Resolution 2013-02, a copy of which had been circulated in advance to the Board. On a motion duly made and seconded, Resolution 2013-02 was passed unanimously by the Board.

Item 9: Data Security & Privacy Committee Report

Dr. Nicholas Panomitros provided an overview of the proposed amendments to the State's Mental Health and Development Disabilities Confidentiality Act, embodied in HB1017/SB1186. The amendment would allow a mental health patient's clinical information to be sent electronically by a health care provider to the Illinois Health Information Exchange, subject to a patient's right to opt-out of having the ILHIE share the information with third parties.

Mr. Chudzinski noted that although HB1017/SB1186 addresses only mental health records, it will serve as a template for amending other Illinois laws problematic to ILHIE implementation. The passage of subsequent legislation depends, in part, on how this initial legislation is received. In addition, it was noted that the method for implementing a patient opt-out choice for exchanging mental health records would eventually be proposed in other legislation dealing with other categories of sensitive patient health information.

Item 10: Advisory Committee Update

Mr. Recarey on behalf of the co-chairs of the Advisory Committee provided an update on the deliberations of the Advisory Committee on January 7, 2013. The Committee is focusing on the

development of use cases where ILHIE services could have a practical impact upon the delivery of healthcare services.

Item 11: Regional HIE Update

Ms. Joy Duling reported that the Central Illinois HIE was successful in launching with OSF, reaching 7 additional hospitals. CIHIE now has access to 1.9 million patient records, with a .02% opt-out rate.

Mr. Charles Cox reported that Metro Chicago HIE is currently transitioning from technology release 1 to release 2, which has more functionality. He noted that MCHIE responded to an article in Crain's Chicago Business which discussed the status of MCHIE's efforts. MCHIE currently has a target area of 9.25 million patients, and 94 acute care hospitals.

Mr. David Holland reported that Southern Illinois HIE has a target area encompassing about 300,000 people. It will be expanding steadily within its region.

Item 12: Regional Extension Center Update

Ms. Theresa Walunas of the Chicago Regional Extension Center reported that CHITREC is currently at full enrollment. Almost 70% of providers within CHITREC's enrolled provider pool are EHR live and about 20% are meaningful users of their systems. CHITREC is participant in the OHIT "whitespace" project and has started on-boarding small practice sites.

Ms. Laura Zaremba spoke on behalf of Mr. Roger Holloway, representing the Illinois Health Information Technology Regional Extension Center (ILHITREC). He had advised her that approximately 50% of the providers within ILHITREC's enrolled provider pool have qualified for meaningful use incentive payments.

Item 13: Public Comment

There were no public comments offered in response to the Chair's invitation.

Item 14: Confirmation of Next Meeting and Adjournment

The next meeting of the Authority is scheduled for March 20, 2013 in Chicago.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM

Minutes submitted by:

Mark Chudzinski, Secretary